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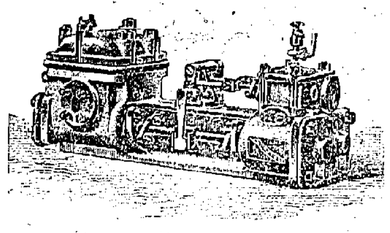

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SANITARY BOARD.

THE Attention of Owners of HOUSE PROPERTY in the Colony is directed to the requirements of Section 7 of Ordinance No. 34 of 1899, with regard to the Backyard for every existing Domestic Building, and to the fact that these Backyards must be Provided before the first day of June, 1900.
By Order,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Acting Secretary, Sanitary Board.
Sanitary Board Office,
Hongkong, April 10, 1900. 854

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS will be held on MONDAY, the 30th April, at 2.45 p.m., at the CHAMBER ROOMS, CITY HALL, to *Nominate a Member* of the Chamber to take the place of the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, in the Legislative Council, during his Absence from the Colony.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held the same Day, and immediately thereafter, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1899.
By Order,
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 924

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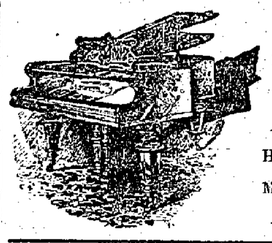
Hongkong, April 2, 1900. 751

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. upon CONTRIBUTIONS for the year 1899, has been declared.
WARRANTS will be issued on the 1st May.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 19, 1900. 915

Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.



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NOTICE.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED, will be under the management of Messrs BRADLEY & Co., on and after 1st May.
Hongkong, April 19, 1900. 907

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHARES in this Company on which a CALL of $1 was made PAYABLE on the 3rd day of March, 1900, and which said Call has not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.
Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. p.a. will be charged on all Overdue Calls.
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 18, 1900. 890

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALMENT of $5 per SHARE in respect of the 50,000 NEW SHARES has been Called up, and Holders of such Shares who have not already Paid this Instalment are requested to Pay the amount of such Call to the Undersigned at the Office of the Company No. 9, Praya Central on or before the 30th April, 1900.
Dated 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
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THE PEAK CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of WORSHIPPERS at the PEAK CHURCH will be held in the Vestry of St. John's Cathedral, on WEDNESDAY, May 2nd, at 4.30 p.m.
Business:—
To pass the Accounts and Report.
To elect a Committee.
R. F. COBBOLD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 956

NOTICE.

THE CHEONG FAT FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for SHARES may be handed in to the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, up to 30th April.
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 955

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 963

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Hongkong, April 26, 1900. 964

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HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 362 for Ten SHARES of this Company, Numbered 7165 to 7174, and dated the 20th May, 1893, in the name of FUNG WA CHUN, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be Considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all Persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.
By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 762

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the Company, Numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, has been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One month from the date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all Persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 29, 1900. 717

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th April, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the Draft New REGULATIONS, which will be submitted to the Meeting, and in the event of the approval thereof with or without modifications, to consider and if thought fit, to pass a Resolution to the effect that the New Regulations, already approved by the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification, Subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Regulations be, and they are hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Company, to the exclusion of all the existing Regulations thereof.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Governing Directors.
A Copy of the proposed Articles can now be seen at the Company's Office.
Hongkong, April 24, 1900. 913

Business Notices.

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NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 812 for 8 SHARES of the Company, numbered 13414/13421, in the name of WILLIAM MONARCH BURNSIDE ARTHUR, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One month from the date hereof and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, April 10, 1900. 830

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 28th April, 1900, at Noon, when the subjoined Resolution, which was Passed at Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 12th April, 1900, will be Submitted for Confirmation.
RESOLUTION.
That the Capital of the Company be Increased to $1,000,000, by the creation and issue of 50,000 NEW SHARES of $10 each fully paid up.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, April 12, 1900. 860

Business Notices.

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SARSAPARILLA. Etc., Etc. 179

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W. PFLUEGER,
General Representative.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900. 957

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That in pursuance of the provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th, and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the sum of $1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each share being credited with a sum of $25 as paid up thereon in addition to the sum of $50 now standing to the credit of each share.

2. That the balance of $25 per share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a Call be and is hereby made of $25 per share upon all the shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay accordingly.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July 1900, at the rate of $12 per centum per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of July 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 702

NOTICE.

WE beg to notify the Public that the Notice, dated the 1st day of the present Moon, which appeared in the *China Mail* of March 31, in the name of KUNG YUEN FIRM, Importers of ANNAM RICE, No. 112, WING LOK STREET, Hongkong, were erroneously issued by LAU SIU CHEUK who, in the interests of the Firm, was trying to put some restraint upon his Sons and Nephews. But at that time the undersigned YUEN OI U was at Canton and knew nothing of the matter.

Whereupon a meeting has been convened, and we have come to the conclusion that the usual course be adopted in dealing with all transactions respecting Promissory Notes, Securities, &c.

Some Years ago a power of attorney was made to his eldest son, YUEN LAI CHUEN by the undersigned YUEN OI U, and by this power vested in him, the said YUEN LAI CHUEN is to conduct the management of the firm.

Dated 4th day, 3rd Moon, 26th year of Kwong Su.

YUEN OI U.
LAU NG.
LAU SIU CHEUK.
of the KUNG YUEN FIRM.

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NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that for fear of complications that may be occasioned by the numerous Sons and Nephews of the LAU KWONG U TONG, all transactions connected with this TONG are executed in Cash and never on Credit.

Promissory Notes, Securities and other valuable documents must bear the signature of the undersigned, LAU SIU CHEUK, Administrator of the said TONG.

Any documents which bear the Chop of the said LAU KWONG U TONG or that of the KUNG YUEN FIRM, but *not* the signature of the undersigned LAU SIU CHEUK shall not be recognized. In such cases, only the offenders who surreptitiously made use of these chops (and not the undersigned nor the KUNG YUEN Firm), will be Responsible for any Liabilities.

This is expressly published to prevent disputes in the future.

Dated 5th day, 3rd moon, 26th year of Kwong Su.

LAU SIU CHEUK.
Administrator of the LAU KWONG U TONG (Partner of the KUNG YUEN Firm).

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Special Late Theatre Steamers will leave for Kowloon every Evening after the Performance.

Special Late Theatre Tram Cars will leave for the Peak after the Performance THIS EVENING, the 27th Inst.

JAMES MORGAN,
Business Representative.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900. 970

GOLD MEDAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE FINAL TIE in the above Competition will be Played on WEDNESDAY, May 2nd, 1900. Ladies are cordially invited to the Club House.

By Order,
M. M. MORRIS, Hon. Secretary,
Royal H K. Golf Club.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900. 975

PUBLIC LECTURE.

THE Undersigned will Read a Paper on 'SOME SERIOUS LOCAL PROBLEMS AND A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THEM,' at the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at 5.15 p.m.

A discussion on the above subject will follow.

Ladies are invited and the Meeting is Open to the Public.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.
HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900 969

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SPOON COMPETITION.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 28th Inst., at 2.45 p.m.

RANGES: 200, 500 and 600 Yards.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900. 973

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I BEG to inform my Patrons and the Public Generally that I have REMOVED my STORES from No. 13, to No. 5, D'Aguilar Street.

H. RUTTONJEE,
5, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900. 974

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THE Company's Steamship
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Captain A. RAMSAY, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 28th Inst., at Noon.

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Hongkong, April 27, 1899. 823

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship
ANPING MARU,
Captain I. SATO, will be despatched for the above Ports, on the Next WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 27, 1900. 972

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGAITON COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship
SUISANG,
Captain TADE, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at Noon.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong April 27, 1900. 971

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Tainan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 15.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	May 3, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	May 2, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Konigsberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	May 8.
Havre and Hamburg	Bamberg (s)	Calowitz & Co.	About May 24.
Havre and Hamburg	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About June 6.
Havre and Hamburg	Sambria (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About June 20.
Havre and Hamburg	Ambria (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About June 27.
Iloilo & Cebu	Esmeralda (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	April 28, at noon.
Liverpool	Ixion (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 30.
Liverpool	Idomoneus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 24.
London & Ports of Call	Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 28, at noon.
London v. Suez Canal	Alcinous (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 15.
London v. Suez Canal	Patroclus (s)	Butterfield and Swire	May 29.
Manila	Diamante (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	May 1, at 5 p.m.
Manila	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	May 4, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Ernest Simons (s)	Messageries Maritimes	May 7, at 1 p.m.
Marseilles & London	Malacca (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About May 3.
New York	George T. Hay	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York v. Suez Canal	St. Regulus (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd	About May 3.
Portland, Oregon	Braemar (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	June 9, at noon.
San Diego v. Japan	Carlisle City (s)	Butterfield & Swire	May 1.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Gaelic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	May 1, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	May 15, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	Hongkong Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	May 8, at noon.
Shanghai	Ballaarat (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About May 12
Shanghai	Loongmoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	April 28, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Suisang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	May 2, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Formosa (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	April 28, at 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Maidzuru Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	April 29, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'foo	Anping Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussen Kaisha	May 2, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Glenogle (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	April 24, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 16, at noon.
Y'ma, v. N'saki, Kobe	Rosetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 28.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 26.

Bengal, British str., 2,751, S. Barcham, Shanghai April 24, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

April 27.

Hongkong Maru, Japanese str., 3,340, W. E. Filmer, San Francisco March 31, via Honolulu April 7, Yokohama 19, Kobe 20, Nagasaki 22, and Shanghai 25, Mails and General (68,876 bags Flour and $194,115 Treasure).—TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

Wosang, British str., from Canton.

Glenfalloch, British str., 1,434, H. Peters, Penang April 18, and Singapore 21, General.—CHINESE.

Chowfa, British str., 1,069, J. Williamson, Bangkok via Swatow April 26, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Coromandel, British steamer, 2,783, F. W. Vibert, R.N.R., Bombay and Singapore April 22, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

April 27.

Nanyang, for Saigon.
Bellerophon, for Amoy.
China, for Singapore.
Kong Beng, for Bangkok.
Bingo Maru, for Singapore and London.
Beauvoue, for Saigon.
Phra Nang, for Swatow.
Michael Jebsen, for Haiphong.
City of Dublin, for Bassein.
Wuhu, for Canton.
Mikahn Maru, for Shanghai.
Sungkiang, for Amoy.
Hue, for Haiphong.
Kagoshima Maru for Singapore and Bombay.
Yawata Maru, for Manila and Sydney.
Tainan, for Manila.
Wosang, for Shanghai.
Haiching, for Swatow.

CLEARED.

Esmeralda, for Guam.
Peiyang, for Nagasaki.
Loongmoon, for Shanghai.
Hoihow, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Bengal*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Sergt. Rose, Sergt. Moore, Mr Cecil Simpson, Mr W. H. Sparke, Mr R. Inglis and servant, Mr W. H. Geller, Mr Porter and servant, Mr F. S. Cockburn, Dr C. Flaudin, Dr Peters, Mrs Stott, 3 Indians and 1 Chinese; for Singapore, Dr Brenner; for Marseilles, Miss Wollaston; for London via Marseilles, Mrs Smythe, and Mr W. H. Bell; for London, Misses A. Bettinson, Mellor, Pickles, and Jansen, Master Folke, Mrs and Miss Short and child, Mr W. H. Wilson, Mrs Morgan, Master and Miss Morgan.

Per *Hongkong Maru*, from San Francisco, &c., Capt. E. T. Strong, U.S.N., Mr R. E. Humphreys, Mrs C. A. Carr, Mr A. Von Pustau, Mrs Von Pustau, Chaplain R. P. Reynolds, U.S.N., Messrs W. M. Humphreys, L. F. Laing, Ou Kan Ting, Wang Lai, Lee Chee Shun, 1 European and 27 Chinese.

Per *Glenfalloch*, from Penang, &c., 500 Chinese.

Per *Chowfa*, from Bangkok, &c., 1 European and 100 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Arae Maru*, from Hongkong: for Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Pallister, Comdr. Kondo, Mr and Mrs Alexander, Mr and Mrs Spieler, Messrs Fujiwara, Saki, G. Braithwaite, and D. Shibakawa.

TO DEPART.

Per *Bengal*, from Yokohama: for Singapore, Mr and Mrs Frizell and child; for Brindisi, Miss S. C. Cochran, and 2 Misses O'Brien; for London, Mr E. W. Arnold. From Kobe: for London, Mrs F. J. Abbott and family. From Nagasaki: for London, Mr F. G. Stone and child. From Shanghai: to Singapore, Dr Bronner; for Marseilles, Miss Wollaston; for London, Mrs Smythe, Mr W. H. Bell, Miss Bettinson, Miss Mellor, Miss Pickles, Miss Jansen, Master Folke, Mrs and Miss Short, Mr W. H. Wilson, Mrs, Master and Miss Morgan. From Hongkong: for Singapore, Lt. F. G. Hendley, and Mr A. G. Walsh; for Bombay, Mr P. C. Patell, Mr N. A. Mackay, Mrs Patell and 3 children; for Brindisi, Mr and Mrs F. F. Adams, Mr N. M. Shaffer, Jr., and Mr A. E. Twyford; for Marseilles, Miss Wedderspoon, and Miss Gardner; for London, Mr W. W. Haufe, James Partington, Mrs Farquhar, Rev. Starr, Sergt. and Mrs John Baker and family, and Mr G. W. Stoker.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Chowfa* reports: Light variable winds and fine to Swatow; fresh N.E. winds and fine to Hongkong.

Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 27, 1900.

New Patna, cash	900
Old Patna, cash	950
New Benares, cash	890
Old Benares, cash	900
New Malwa, credit	—
Allowance, Taels	—
Last Year	900 /910
Allowance, Taels	8/15 /16
Old Malwa credit	920/950
Allowance, Taels	8/15 12/16
Persian, Oily, cash	—
Allowance, Taels	—
Persian, Paper tied long	880/900
Allowance, Taels	—
Persian, Paper tied long extra	—

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Glenogle*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For ILOILO & CEBU.—
Per *Esmeralda*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For HOIHOW & PAKHOI.—
Per *Hoihao*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Loongmoon*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Formosa*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.
Per *Maidzuru Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For AMOY SINGAPORE.—
Per *Glenfalloch*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For KUMCHUCK & SAMSHUI.—
Per *Suikong*, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.
Per *Suikong*, at 4 p.m., on Monday, the 30th April.

For NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOCK.
Per *Peiyang*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th April.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Suisang*, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd May.

For MANILA.—
Per *Yuensang*, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd May.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Bengal* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 28th April, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Circulars at 8 a.m.
Registration at 10 a.m.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.
Papers at 10.30 a.m.
Letters, at 11 a.m.
Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *Gaelic* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st May, with Mails, for Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

Registration at 10 a.m.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.
Letters at 11 a.m.
(Supplementary Mail on board up to the time fixed for the departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents).

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.—

The German Contract Packet *Prinz Heinrich* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, with Mails for the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, (via Tuticorin), Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.

Registration 10 a.m. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 a.m.)
Letters at 11 a.m.
Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO enquiries into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, 98).

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails up to fifteen minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails up to half an hour before

Letters, &c., for the Peak will be delivered by the 12 and 6.30 o'clock trams only. Correspondence and Parcels for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 4 p.m. With regard to letters from the Peak, Pillar boxes have been placed at Magazine Gap, Victoria Gap, Mount Kellett, Mount Gough, and Plantation Road, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

LOCAL DELIVERIES.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

Letters, parcels, &c., for Kowloon Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Letters from Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Clerks' Room up to 12 and 4 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, senders of letters from Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word stamped across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail steamer *Bengal* leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—*Formosa* leaves for Swatow.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge.

Miscellaneous.

2.45 p.m.—Spoon Competition of Hongkong Rifle Association.

Goods per *Marie Valerie* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, April 30:—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

2.45 p.m.—Meetings of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in the City Hall.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land, at Queen's Road West.

3.30 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Mount Gough Road.

Goods per *Ocanien* unclaimed before Noon, subject to rent.

Goods per *Suisang* undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Arae Maru* not cleared after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, May 1:—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, May 2:—

Golf Club Competition.

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Peak Church.

5.15 p.m.—Public Lecture, by Mr H. Pollock, in the City Hall.

FRIDAY, May 4:—

Noon.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 2, Connaught Road.

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Exchange.

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On London—	
Bank, Wire,	1/11⅛
,, On demand,	1/11⅛
,, 30 days' sight,	1/11⅛
,, 4 months' sight,	1/11⅛
Credits, 4 ,, ,,	1/11⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight	2/0
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.46
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.50½
On Berlin—Demand,	2.00½
On New York—	
On demand,	47⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight,	48⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire,	145¾
On demand,	146¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	145¾
On demand,	146¼
On Singapore—	
On demand,	1 % pm.
On Manila—	
On demand,	2½ % pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	71¾
30 days' sight, (private paper)	72¼
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	3½ % pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$52.90
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.13
Silver (per oz.)	27½d.

BIRTHS.

At Hangchow, on 18th April, the Wife of the Rev. G. W. COULTAS, C.M.S., of a Son.

On 14th April, at Weihaiwei, the Wife of J. W. WILSON, Shih-tao, of a Daughter.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 4.50 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1900.

THE Plague has again made its appearance in our midst, strenuous as has been the endeavours of the Sanitary authorities to keep it in subjection. The frequent recurrence of the epidemic has produced a feeling of abject submission to the inevitable, though we regard as praiseworthy attempts to combat the pestilence in so far as they minimise the virulence of the visitations. Time was when the world looked on with horrified wonder at the devastations of the pestilence in Hongkong, but at that time the spectacle was viewed from an apparently safe vantage ground, and little fear was entertained that the dreaded disease would extend its ravages beyond tropical climes. This, however, has proved a delusive fallacy, and the encroachments upon the spectacular vantage ground have thrilled the world with alarm. The disease has spread to all points of the compass. It is asserted that Bombay was infected direct from Hongkong, and the disease having thus obtained an entrance to India has wrought frightful havoc in the country. The infection was carried to Europe and the plague microbe found a suitable breeding ground in Portugal. The excitement in Europe was intense, and the appearance of the disease in London itself gave zest to the alarm. Prompt measures were, however, taken to fight the invader, and the disease was eventually driven from the European ports. Every continent has had its scare, and now the pestilence has appeared in Sydney, where the condition of the drainage system is said to be on a par with that of the native quarters of eastern cities.

Although we agree with the tenour of the remarks of Mr Osborne and Lieutenant-Colonel Ryan at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, that the spread of modern plague was due to the carrying facilities offered from a busy entrepot like Hongkong, and that the insanitary condition of the Colony was conducive to the propagation of the epidemic, still it is not fitting that we should allow an insalubrious compliment to go unrefuted that this Colony has been the breeding ground of the disease. Dr Roderick J. J. Macdonald, of Wuchow, in his half-yearly medical report prepared for the Imperial Maritime Customs gives some most interesting particulars regarding bubonic plague, its original source, and the probable route of the disease to Hongkong. Dr Macdonald's theory is that the seat of endemic plague for the Far East is probably the Yunnan district of Southern China, that plague travels thence to Hongkong *via* Pakhoi and also *via* the West River and Wuchowfu, and that infected Hongkong reinfects its own hinterland (and also many distant ports, which, in turn, infect their various hinterlands and other ports). He says, 'Since 1881 the Yunnan plague has been epidemic in Kwangsi, probably almost continually reaching as far as Wuchow and Pakhoi. It seems to me that had these two half-way houses been thoroughly cleaned during the years 1883-93 the plague would not have been able to pass them and get to Hongkong and the outer world in 1894.' The plague having reached Hongkong it must be said that the efforts of the authorities to eject the, at that time mysterious, disease were praiseworthy to a degree. The mode of procedure may not have been of such a character as would now commend itself, but the authorities learned by experience, and the Colony has lost what Dr Macdonald defines as an 'intermittent plague epidemic constitution.' It has been discovered that cleanliness is of itself sufficient to extinguish the plague, and considering the conditions under which the work of reform has been carried out, it cannot be denied that the results are exceedingly satisfactory. Dr Macdonald says 'that localities where plague was then epidemic but where the plague bacillus now dies out shortly after its arrival, without being able to produce an epidemic, have outgrown their plague epidemic constitution, by means of greater cleanliness on the part of its inhabitants, better government, and a greater abundance of wholesome food. We trust that this is the stage reached by Hongkong. Situated as we are in close contact with localities bearing plague epidemic constitutions we are bound to have recurrent visitations of the plague. However strenuously Hongkong may exert itself to extinguish the plague, the Chinese on the mainland will keep up the annual supply of the germs, so that some means should be devised to get at the root of the evil.

The eradication of the bubonic plague having been recognised by all the Powers as a matter of supreme importance for the welfare and the happiness of the world at large, surely some combined action could be arranged. We entirely concur with the suggestions contained in Dr MacDonald's excellent report, and we feel sure that the magnitude of the interests involved, and the importance of the situation justify the appointment of a Plague Commission for the Far East, and that commission ought to be of an international character. Dr Macdonald writes:—'Hongkong's inherent danger is the possession of an epidemic constitution, open to infection through its Chinese suburbs of Wuchow and Pakhoi, which maintain direct communications with the endemic area. If the world is to be protected from the Yunnan plague, either something more must be done in Hongkong to eliminate the epidemic constitution, and, in addition, the depraved constitution must be eradicated, from the cities of Pakhoi and Wuchow and from all towns situated west of Wuchow, such as Nanning, which may be subsequently opened; or else the endemic area of Yunnan must be cured.' There is the subject of the Commission's enquiry, and having arrived at a decision as to what means should be taken to carry out the object in view, the Powers should use their persuasive influence upon the Chinese Government to carry out the necessary reforms.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD:—*Conch*, March 6; *Benlomond*, *Anur*, 9; *Sardor*, 13; *Verona*, 16; *Cantoh*, *Ardandearg*, 23; *Annam*, *Alexander*, *Shangtung*, *Taurus*, 27; *Patroclus*, *Pyrrhus*, *Socotra*, *Abbey Holme*, 30; *Indrani*, *Gizela*, *Salahadji*, April 3; *Diomed*, *Aker*, *Roma*, 6; *Babelsberg*, *Ellrickdale*, *Homburg*, 10; *Indus Maru*, *Agamemnon*, 12; *Salazie*, *Ballaarat*, 17; *Indus*, *Ulysses*, *Min*, *Minterne*, 24; *Antenor*, *Benalder*, *Sachsen*, *St. Mary*, *Almond Branch*, 24.

HOMEWARD:—*Ceylon*, April 6; *Saroia*, 20; *Calchas*, *Parramatta*, *Sydney*, 24.

Mails.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Heinrich* left Kobe, via Nagasaki and Shanghai, on Sunday afternoon, the 22nd April, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st May.

The O. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 17th April.

Latest Advices.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Tamba Maru* left Kobe, via Moji for this port, on the 25th April, and is expected to arrive here on the 2nd May.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Sikh* has arrived at Yokohama, and sailed for Tacoma on the 26th April.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Braemar* arrived at Portland, Oregon, from Japan and Hongkong, on the 25th April.

The P. M. Co.'s s.s. *China*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, will leave Yokohama on Saturday, the 28th April, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 5th May.

The N. P. Co.'s s.s. *Duke of Fife*, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for Hongkong on the 28th April, at daylight.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. *Hamburg*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd April, left Singapore on Friday, the 27th April, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st May.

The Plague.

During the twenty-four hours ending 27th April, 7 new cases of plague were reported, and 6 deaths.

Hongkong Odd Volumes Society.

Mr H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Secretary of the Odd Volumes Society, will read a paper on 'Some serious local problems and a few suggestions for dealing with them,' at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, 2nd May, at 5.15 p.m. A discussion will follow.

Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play the following programme at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:—

March ..... 'Austria' ..... John Nowotny.
Overture .. 'Stradella' ..... Flotow.
Selection .. 'Scotch Melodies' Ackerman.
Valse ..... 'Louisiana' ..... W. H. Squire.
Fantasia ... 'Giselle' ..... Adam.
Polka ..... 'Black and Tan' Lowthian.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Increased Importation of Sheep and Swine.

At the Sanitary Board meeting, yesterday, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Osborne, seconded by Mr McKie, to forward the report of Mr C. V. Ladds (published in our issue of last night) with regard to the increase in the number of sheep and swine imported into the Colony and the need for more accommodation for them at the Depot at Kennedy Town, to the Government, with the recommendation that they should adopt it.

R. W. F. Band.

The following programme of music will be played by the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-night, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

March ... 'A Frangesa' ..... Mario Costa
Overture .. 'The Yeomen of the Guard' ... Sullivan
Selection 'San Tay' ..... S. Jones
Valse ..... 'Linger Longer Loo' Fitz Gerald
Danse ..... 'Dos Demons' ..... Solomon
Selection 'Little Christopher Columbus' ... Caryll
Polka ..... 'Chappies' ..... Florence Farr
Valse ..... 'The Bogey Man' ... St. Quentin
Divertissement ... 'Espagnol' ... Desormes
J. H. Moir, Band Master.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*.—Isla de Cuba, Taiyuan, Progreso, H.M.S. Whiting, Gaelic, St. Irene, U. S. S. Monterey.

Cosmopolitan.—Don Juan de Austria, Independent, Devawongse.

Aberdeen.—(none.)

Notes by the Way.

Preparations are being made in the States to celebrate Dewey Day on May 1.

H.M.S. *Redpole* left Shanghai on April 23 for Kiukiang. She was to return to Shanghai in a fortnight's time.

On April 20, H.E. Sir Henry Blake, Lady Blake, Miss Blake, and Viscount Suirdale left Shanghai for Hankow by the I.-C.S. *Yuenwo*.

It is expected that Mr John Barrett, former U.S. Minister to Siam, will be appointed on the Commission to study the markets and industrial progress of the Orient, as the representative of the Pacific Coast.

Sergeants Rose, R.A., and Sergeant Moore, Royal Welch Fusiliers, who have been engaged for some time past as instructors to the Shanghai Volunteers, returned to Hongkong yesterday by the P. and O. steamer *Bengal*. The non-coms. were very popular during their stay at Shanghai.

Quarantine at Haiphong.

Messrs Jelsen and Co. have received telegraphic advices from Haiphong that twelve days' quarantine has been established against ships arriving from Hongkong.

Macao Death Rate.

The deaths in Macao for the week ended April 1st numbered 63, including nine from plague. The deaths for the following week numbered 72, including 22 from plague.

State of Chinese Burying Grounds.

At the Sanitary Board meeting, yesterday, Drs. Lowson, Hartigan and Clark and the two Chinese members consented to act as a committee to confer with the Acting Registrar General in connection with Chinese cemeteries.

Drainage.

Yesterday, at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board—Hon. R. D. Ormsby presiding—the report of the Drainage Sub-Committee relative to the proposed amendment of the Public Health Ordinance was submitted, and on the motion of Dr Clark, seconded by Mr McKie, it was decided that a bye-law recommended by the sub-committee should be forwarded to the Government for their approval.

Hospitals.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited	$100
E. D. Sassoon & Co.	100
Ng Ho Shi	50
Gibb, Livingston & Co.	25
Benjamin, Kelly & Potts	25
Gilman & Co.	25
W. R. Loxley & Co.	25
J. D. Humphreys & Son	25
Jebsen & Co.	25
H. Skött & Co.	25
Sperry Flour Co.	25
Tata & Co.	25
V. H. Deacon	25
H. L. Demys	25
Eastern Asiatic Trading Co.	25
Fung Ho Shi	20
W. Lysaught & Son	15
Ed. Osborne	10
E. S. Joseph	10
Yeung Sang	5

The Art Journal.

The *Art Journal* may be designated as the mirror which reflects the intellectual pleasures of the artistic world, and it is, therefore, a magazine of rare value to those far removed from art centres to whom the development of art is of intense interest. In the March number, Mr Claude Phillips contributes a complete and interesting article on the Van Dyck Exhibition held at Burlington House. The work of Mr William Nicholson has become so well known and so popular that the article on the work of this young artist written by Mr J. A. Reid should be of special interest. There are also numerous illustrations of his clever and unconventional drawings. The second paper by Mr James L. Caw on 'The Mortons of Darvel,' describes the fabric erected by the well-known firm of Messrs Alexander Morton and Co. Signor Pompeo Molmenti contributes an interesting article on 'Venice as it is, and as it was,' in which he regrets that ideas which guide present-day life are expelling the traditions of the past and extinguishing the sense of intellectual pleasures. He maintains that Venice must assuredly not remain inactive while all around her is in advancement, but between the sacrilegious mania of everything new, and the exaggerated idea of those who would wish to defend the unclean for fear of the new, is there not room for moderate opinion? Hygiene does not require to abolish everything that is or resembles the antique, nor asks that the stamp of original Venice be wiped out to make her like other cities.'

Entertainments.

Warren's Circus and the entertainment of the Ada Delroy Company were well patronised last night when changes of programme were effected at both places of amusement. The White Mahatma questioned as to the date of the relief of Mafeking gave the 10th of May.

Chinese Minister to St Petersburg.

According to a Peking dispatch the Empress Dowager has selected a Manchu named Kuei Ch'un, a sub-Chancellor of the Grand Secretariat, as Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg, to succeed H.E. Yang Ju (Chinese Bannerman) whose three years' term of office expired last March.

Bolts from his Contract.

The Sanitary Board met yesterday, when on the motion of Dr Clark, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Ryan, it was decided to recommend the Government to cancel the contract of Fong Shi, scavenging contractor of Aberdeen and Aplichau, on the ground that he was not fulfilling the contract. It appears that the contractor has disappeared from the colony.

The Sui Ching Wan Robbery.

The three men arrested by Sergeant Lacock in connection with the Sui Ching Wan robbery on the night of the 25th were, at the Magistracy, to-day, committed for trial at the next Sessions. As reported in our issue, yesterday, the men, along with other five, armed with revolvers, plundered a Chinese house of money and valuables to the extent of $700.

The Vitriol-Throwing Case.

Bail of $5,000 was fixed by Mr Gompertz, at the Magistracy to-day, on the 'boy' of the Hongkong Hotel, who threw vitriol or some other corrosive liquid at his sweetheart, inflicting on her such injuries as to necessitate her going to hospital. Inspector Baker, West Point, who has the case in hand, stated that the crime was a most serious one, ranking as felony.

Hongkong Microbe Factory.

The correspondent who wrote complaining of the water tank on the Shaukiwan Road again addresses us in his execrable caligraphy as follows:—'In your remarks to my letter of last night, I beg to inform you that the European firms only supply a very small percentage of the water used by ships in the harbour. This stream is able to supply from four to six water boats in the twenty-four hours. Where does the water go? If the steamers do not use it, the boat people must do so. Have compassion for the poor ignorant Chinaman, but not for the poor blind Sanitary Board and its B.C. 200.'

The Eyesore at the Cricket Ground.

Yesterday, at the fortnightly meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board, a letter was submitted from the Acting Colonial Secretary to the effect that he was directed to say that there were at present no funds available for the removal of the urinal at the west side of the Cricket Ground, but that it was contemplated to remove it when the Government works in the immediate vicinity were being carried out. Mr Osborne said that, considering that the expense was quite paltry, he did not think the Government were justified in putting that forward as an excuse for refusing the Sanitary Board's request. Dr Hartigan considered that the Sanitary Board had had a decided snub in this matter. He proposed that the Government be asked to reconsider their decision with regard to this matter. Mr McKie seconded, and the motion was carried, five voting for it and five abstaining from voting.

Working on an Old License.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr Hallifax, a Chinaman was charged with being in possession of a case containing 56 revolvers without having the necessary license. The revolvers were being removed from Messrs Nerveguna and Co's. to the Tak Loong arms shop, Queen's Road. The prisoner was represented by Mr Reece. It appeared that defendant had in his possession a license under the old Ordinance of 1895. Under the old Ordinance it was ruled by Mr Sircombe Smith that, in virtue of having a license, a dealer could remove arms from one place to another in the Colony without first of all obtaining a permit. Under the new Ordinance, however, it is different, and before arms can be moved from one place to another a permit has to be obtained from the Superintendent of Police. Mr Reece contended that, under the Interpretation Ordinance 1897, it was laid down that a man by virtue of his old license is entitled to the rights and privileges so granted by virtue of any law, although repealed, as long as he holds the license. He held, therefore, that his client, holding a license under the old Ordinance, was entitled to exercise the rights and privileges as before. The Magistrate took a similar view of the case and discharged the accused.

Brown: 'What makes your nose so red, Robinson?' Robinson: 'It glows with pride, sir, at not poking itself into other people's business.'

Robbers Committed.

At the Magistracy, to-day, the six robbers, who made an armed raid on a house at Coffee Plantation, near the Cotton Mill, on 6th April last, and carried away a quantity of clothing and jewellery belonging to the Chinese occupants, were committed to the Sessions for trial.

The Philippines Cable.

A Washington despatch states that on March 30, in the House of Representatives, the bill to remunerate the British Cable Company for expenses incurred in repairing the Manila cable cut by Admiral Dewey, which was under consideration several weeks ago, was consigned to oblivion.

Share List.

The following alterations in our share list are noted after the hour of correction: National Bank, $28, sellers; China Traders', $54½, sellers; North China, Tls. 165, ex div.; Union, $245, buyers; Yangtsze, $126, ex div.; Hongkong Fire, $295; Dock, 405 % prem.=$743.75, sellers; Steamboat, $30¾, sellers; Star, $18¼, buyers; China Sugar, $120, sellers; Wharf, $85¾, buyers; Hongkong Land, $125, sellers; Humphreys', $10¾, buyers; West Point, $4¾; Jelebu, $12¼, buyers; Great Eastern, 50 cents, buyers; Raub, $56, sellers; Oliver's, A $5, sellers, and B $4.25, sellers; Hongkong Hotel, $118, sellers; Hongkong Electrics, $11½, buyers; United Asbestos, $7, buyers; and China Borneo, $19, buyers.

Must Have Back Yards.

At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday—Hon. R. D. Ormsby presiding—an application was submitted from Messrs Leigh and Orange, architects, relative to backyards, on behalf of the Land Investment and Agency Company. Permission was asked to erect certain houses without back-yards, it being stated that all the houses would be surrounded by wide streets, and the houses without back-yards were far better lighted and ventilated than the middle houses having back-yards. It was pointed out that the law gave the Board no option in the matter, and on the motion of Dr Clark, seconded by Lieut. Col.-Ryan, it was decided that a reply to this effect be returned.

The Siamese Princes.

Their Highnesses the Princes Sridideja and Skolwunnakorn, accompanied by Nai Gingsair, Messrs A. C. Carter and B. James, returned this morning from their trip to Canton and Macao. We gather that they were highly interested in everything they saw, and that, at Canton, they were accorded an interview with H.E. Viceroy Li Hung Chang. His Excellency received them very kindly, and, in the course of a lengthy cross-examination, showed, by the tenour of his questions, that he possessed a firm grasp of the Siamese situation. Finally he expressed high approval of the progress which Siam is making. Personally we hope that the young Princes have carefully contrasted ancient Canton with civilized Hongkong—the operation could not fail to be of high educational value to them.

The Spread of Plague.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board, yesterday—Hon. R. D. Ormsby, presiding—Dr Clark said that during the past fortnight 3,077 rats had been destroyed, making a total of 10,778. He regretted to report that there was no abatement in the spread of plague, and as at the previous meeting it was decided to declare No. 2 health district infected with plague he now proposed that No. 1 health district be declared. At the previous meeting a sub-committee, consisting of Dr Lowson and himself, was appointed to make arrangements with regard to house visitation in No. 2 district. They asked for six constables, and these constables commenced work on the 20th inst. They had discovered seven cases of plague during the past week, and he proposed that, if the Board declared No. 1 health district infected the same constables visit No. 1 district as well as No. 2. Dr Lowson seconded, and the motion was carried.

Missionary Rights and Privileges.

When Sir Claude Macdonald last visited Shanghai, Rev. Dr William Muirhead addressed him on the question of claiming for those Protestant missionaries in China, who are British subjects, privileges similar to those recently granted, by an Imperial Edict, to members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in that country. Correspondence between the British Minister and Mr Muirhead is published in the Shanghai papers, from which it appears that despatches on the subject were submitted to Lord Salisbury, and a despatch from the Foreign Office intimates that the despatches were referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury for His Grace's observations. The despatch concludes:—'His Grace approves the conclusion arrived at in regard to this question by the Anglican Bishops in China, as stated in the resolution enclosed in Mr Bax-Ironside's despatch No. 327, and considers that both as a matter of principle and of policy it is undesirable that Protestant missionaries in China should claim the privileges referred to. Her Majesty's Government concur in the opinion expressed by the Archbishop and you should take no further action with a view to obtaining for British Protestant missionaries in China the privileges conferred on the Roman Catholic clergy by the Imperial Edict.'

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

'CHINA MAIL'S' SPECIAL SERVICE.

DEATH OF SIR NICHOLAS J. HANNEN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, April 26, 9.49 p.m.

Sir Nicholas J. Hannen, H.B.M.'s Chief Judge and Consul-General at Shanghai, died at 8 p.m., from collapse supervening an attack of influenza.

[Sir N. J. Hannen has been Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for China and Japan since 1891. He was born in 1842, was educated at University College, London, of which he is a B.A. In 1866 he was called to the bar, from 1871 to 1874 he was Acting Deputy Judge at Yokohama, in 1878 was appointed Crown Advocate at Shanghai and in 1891 obtained the appointment he held at the time of his demise.—ED., *C.M.*]

FRENCH MISSION DESTROYED.

MISSIONARY WOUNDED.

A French Mission near Ningpo has been destroyed by rioters, and one missionary was wounded.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 25th April.

THE WAR.—WEPENER.

Reuter's correspondent at Maseru, 24th inst., says that under the covering fire of four guns the Boers made a determined attack on Colonel Dalgety this morning, but were repulsed. They afterwards maintained several hours' fusillade at long range. Later news states that the Boers, who retreated before General Brabant yesterday, advanced several miles during the night and occupied a good position at Strauss Farm. General Brabant is awaiting General Hart's brigade which is some miles behind.

LATER.

OPERATIONS IN THE FREE STATE.

General Chermside has occupied Dewetsdorp without opposition. General Pole-Carew's division has reached Roodeskop. There is not likely to be any more trouble round Wepener now that Dewetsdorp is occupied.

News from Maseru, dated 24th inst. (night), says that Generals Brabant and Hart encountered determined opposition to-day and made but small progress. There are no signs of General Rundle's column.

MAFEKING.

Reuter's correspondent at Gaberones, 14th inst., says that Mafeking was provided till the middle of May, but only with one ration per diem.

RESULT OF THE CITY SUBURBAN.

1 Grafter.
2 Innocence.
3 Goblet.

LATER.

WEPENER RELIEVED.

The Boers have retired from Wepener and fled to the northeastward along the Ladybrand Road.

Pleasantry at the Peak.

At the Magistracy, to-day,—Mr H. H. J. Gompertz presiding—the pleasant (?) relations existing between two gentlemen residing at the Peak and their coolies were laid bare to the public. Mr H. W. Bell, who resides at Dunford, was charged with assaulting two chair coolies in the employ of Mr H. W. Robertson, who resides at The Chalet, adjoining Mr Bell's place. Mr O. D. Thomson appeared for Mr Bell, and Mr H. J. Gedge on behalf of the chair coolies. The evidence of the coolies was to the effect that, on the morning of the 25th, they had taken Mr Robertson to the tram station. On returning, they met the defendant. He struck them on the legs with his stick. They did not know what this was for. They did not get in defendant's way or annoy him. Mr Robertson also gave evidence. He said that, when seated in the tram, he heard that his coolies were in a row with a Sikh policeman. They complained that the defendant had assaulted them. Defendant, as an excuse, said the coolies had been very cheeky of late and had tampered with his letter box. He threatened that if they came into his compound again he would break every bone in their bodies. Witness told him not to lose his temper and defendant said that if he (Mr Robertson) did not take care he would go for him next. Constable Smith gave evidence as to the injuries of the coolies. A cross summons was then heard, in which Mr Bell charged the coolies with disorderly conduct on the morning of the 24th April. Mrs Bell deposed that she had been very much troubled by Mr Robertson's coolies during the last few months. On the morning of the 24th, the number one coolie came into her kitchen and said something in English about a cat. He did not address her respectfully but shouted. She gave him the cat, which was in her dining room. He came later on and behaved disrespectfully to her. She told her husband about the matter. Mr Thomson asked that the case be dismissed on the ground of provocation. Mr Gedge contended that the law in this Colony was the same for coolies as it was for Europeans and that coolies must not be assaulted with impunity. Mr Gompertz convicted Mr Bell on the evidence and fined him $10 in respect of the assault upon one of the coolies, with $10 compensation, and $5 fine with $5 compensation in respect of the other coolie. The cross summons was dismissed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOOD SUPPLY AND ITS COST.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

SIR,—The local Inspector of Weights and Measures might reap unlimited official *kudos*, along with much public thanks, if he would see that compradores gave proper weight in such articles as have to be sold in small earthen bowls or in paper—lard, flour, etc. Speaking from long experience, I can say that these articles are rarely up to weight, even with bowl or paper thrown in; and quite recently, in the case of the great Lipton Company at Home, it has been ruled that the commodity sold must be *full weight*, quite *apart from whatever it is contained in or wrapped up in*. Chinese tradespeople are notoriously past masters in the gentle art of adulteration, and can give points and a beating to any one in tricks of short weight.

It may not be commonly known, although no less a *fact*, that the most recent move for a general increase of market prices was checked. The Compradores had issued the usual notice on the last of the month that—the usual lie—owing to circumstances beyond their control, they were unwillingly compelled to charge higher prices for certain classes of goods, from the 1st prox. Many people objected, and scored out the new prices in their market book, and the old prices were allowed to remain. Why? The Committee of Inquiry had been formed, and the wily seller got alarmed. The Compradores are now patiently biding their time. If the action of the Committee ends in nothing tangible, prices will at once go up, and continue to do so at regular intervals. No section of the community is more utterly merciless, more grindingly selfish than that to which the market salesmen belong. One of the most ordinary sayings of the Chinese is to the effect that a shopkeeper cannot become a village elder: *bo shang i m yapik heung in*, a sufficiently clear indication of the estimation in which this class is held. It is not the hotels and big bachelor messes that feel the storm and stress of all this, but the paterfamilias with a small salary: as a matter of fact, hotels and messes are supplied at specially low rates.

In the course of its enquiries, the Committee should get to know what *Europeans are concerned in the compradore combine* that is steadily driving prices up: they would be somewhat astonished. Some people, white as well as yellow, are perfectly unscrupulous, provided they can line their own dirty pockets.

Mr Ladds, the worthy C.V.S., should be encouraged in his laudable efforts to get greater market accommodation. Rack renting in the public markets, if not already illegal, should be made so; it could easily be done.

Apologising for the length of this letter, —Truly Yours,

SMITTEN.

April 27th, 1900.

PLAGUE AND OVERCROWDING IN HONGKONG.

QUESTION DISCUSSED BY THE SANITARY BOARD.

The question of overcrowding among the poorer classes and its connection with plague has been discussed at several recent meetings of the Sanitary Board. A further discussion on the matter took place at yesterday's meeting.

The Hon. R. D. Ormsby presided, and there were also present Lieut-Col. Ryan, Mr E. Osborne, Dr Clark, Dr Hartigan, Mr J. McKie, Dr Lowson, Mr J. F. Badeley, Mr Fung Wah Chuen, Mr Chan A Fook, and Mr G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

Mr Osborne said—The Public Health Ordinance of 1894, amongst many other wise provisions, decrees that every person in this colony shall be allotted in his dwelling a minimum surface area of 30 square feet and a minimum breathing space of 400 cubic feet. So that a cubicle or room measuring 6 feet long by 5 ft. wide and 13 ft. 6 in. high will legally accommodate one human being. The lawmakers who decided this limit cannot be accused of extravagant ideas on the subject of sanitation, and as a matter of fact it is below what eminent authorities declare to be necessary for good health. This law has been in existence for six years, and during that period has remained practically a dead letter, for, instead of 30 square feet of surface and 400 cubic feet of air, the majority of the poorer classes in Hongkong have nothing approaching that allowance, which means in other words that a large proportion of the dwellings are crowded with many more persons than is good for them to contain. No wonder then that plague and kindred diseases spread so rapidly, and the mortality of this city is so great, for is it reasonable to suppose that people condemned through poverty to live in fetid dens surrounded by a polluted atmosphere can hope to battle successfully against disease? The reason of the law having been allowed to remain inoperative so long is that the Sanitary Board has not had available men to enforce it, but this is now partially remedied by the Government having sanctioned the appointment of additional Inspectors. We are therefore in a position to commence an attack upon overcrowded tenements, and I think that if the matter be taken up intelligently and vigorously we may in the next few years bring about some improvement. The enforcement of the law will probably give annoyance to Chinese and may possibly bring upon our heads the wrath of the landlords, but our path lies very straight before us, and we must be prepared to move steadily forward in the direction of reform, deterred neither by the obstruction of the one nor the imprecations of the other. But, whilst thus pursuing our purpose, it behoves us to take every possible precaution against causing unnecessary irritation or hardship to the tenants, whom our action will mostly affect, and an important point to consider is that sufficient vacant tenements are available to receive the surplus numbers whom the enforcement of the law will dislodge, and I think the best plan will be to take one district at a time and apply the law in that district only, until the people living there have learnt to understand and obey it. With this end in view I beg to propose:—'That the Board ascertain in what district there are the largest number of unoccupied tenements and proceed to enforce the law against overcrowding in such district only.'

Dr Hartigan seconded, and after a little discussion the motion was carried.

The two Chinese members of the Board voted against, and it was decided to suspend the standing orders in order to give them the opportunity of making any suggestions.

Mr Chan A Fook thought the first thing to do was to find a place for the Chinese to go to, and suggested that the Government should sell the land at Taipingshan at a reasonable price, so that Chinese houses should be erected thereon.

Mr Fung Wa Chuen thought it would be better if the Government erected houses themselves and let them at cheap rates.

Mr Osborne said they had asked the Government to build at Taipingshan and they had refused to do so.

THE PHILIPPINES COMMISSION.

THE SCOPE OF ITS WORK.

Washington, March 30.—At the White House to-day President McKinley entertained at dinner the members of the Philippine Commission. The instructions to the Commission, which have been prepared by Secretaries Root and Gage at the request of the President, are complete. They give the Commission plenary powers. President Taft of the Commission will be the personal representative of President McKinley in the Philippine group, and he and his colleagues will fully represent American sovereignty. The Army is to be wholly subordinate to their orders, and General Otis, if he elects to remain in the Philippines, will find the Commission taking the place of the President of the United States and Secretary of War as his immediate superiors. General Otis may remain or come home, as he prefers, but if he remains he will have to subordinate his control of the Army wholly to the orders of the Commission.

This is not intended in any way whatever to reflect upon General Otis, who, in the opinion of the President, has done wonders during his administration of affairs in the Philippines. But the new Commission is to be the government, just as if the President himself were to go to the Philippines with his Cabinet and exercise control. It is necessary, therefore, that it have absolute authority over all the civil governments that may be established, and over the army, too.

The Commission will sail from San Francisco on April 18th, and the members do not expect to return to this country for at least two years. All the members realize that they are going upon a mission of vast importance and responsibility—the building up of a civilized state out of discordant and unpromising raw materials. It is considered as one encouraging sign that these gentlemen realize the magnitude of their task, and as another that the President has given them full authority.

The Commission has been fortunate in securing for its secretary the well-known newspaper correspondent, Charles M. Pepper.

Through the efforts of Representative Waters and other members of the California delegation, Frank Dominguez, a prominent young Republican of Los Angeles, has been appointed assistant secretary and interpreter to the Philippine Commission. The position carries a salary of $3000 and transportation to the Philippines and return for Dominguez and his wife.

Professor Bernard Moses will leave here to-morrow for California, where he will be joined shortly by the other members of the Philippine Commission.

THE PROPOSED TRUST CORPORATION.

SANITARY BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY.

The fortnightly meeting of Hongkong Sanitary Board was held yesterday, when there was a good attendance of members and Hon. R. D. Ormsby presided.

A letter (the full text of which we have already published) was submitted from the Acting Colonial Secretary to the effect that, while His Excellency fully appreciates the excellent work being done by the Sanitary Board and the anxious desire of that body for improved sanitation, he is not prepared to recommend the creation of a Trust to the Secretary of State, who has so lately decided against the proposal to grant municipal powers in the Colony.

Dr Hartigan minuted:—'The Trust scheme differed very materially from a municipal scheme.'

Dr Lowson minuted:—'What's to be done now?'

Mr Osborne said—The reply we have received from Government on the subject of the proposed Trust may be regarded as a refusal to deal with the matter, on the grounds that it involves questions of Municipality which the Home Authorities will under no circumstances permit. But the Government's reply does not reject the principles of the Trust and may therefore be looked upon as an encouragement to the Sanitary Board to persevere in its crusade against overcrowding. Under these circumstances and considering the importance of the subject not only to Chinese but to every European in the place, and especially those of limited means and who form an into easing section of the community, I shall propose that the matter be referred again to the Government in a different form in the hope that by eliminating the Municipal bogey we may attain our ends. What we want, or rather I should say what the proposed Trust aimed at, is to do in Hongkong what is being done in other cities, notably London, Paris and Bombay, in other parts of the world, that is to pull down, to abolish the slums, to erase the remnants of early 19th century insanitation and to rebuild and remodel such areas on the lines which the mistakes of the past and the improved knowledge of to-day declare to be essential to a healthy existence. And in the course of accomplishing these ends the Trust had in view the reclaiming and laying out of areas suitable for Chinese, the opening up of sites along the Sau-kiwan road and the building there and in other localities of dwellings for those who are now compelled to live amidst the filth, noise and foul air of the Chinese portions of the town. These were the objects the Trust had in view and I think they must commend themselves to every rightminded man as being worthy of our making another attempt to attain. If there be one city which more than others should be the first to abolish its insanitary area it is the City of Victoria, for in this City modern plague was nursed and sent forth to claim its victims throughout the world and we who have had brought home to us the evils resulting from the mistakes of our predecessors, we who witness the horrors of this fell disease, should lead the way of reform and thus in a measure atone for the indelible disgrace which now attaches to the otherwise fair name of Hongkong. I beg to move:—'That the Government be asked to set aside annually a percentage of the assessed taxes and premia on land sales for the purpose of improving the sanitation of Hongkong in such manner as the Sanitary Board with the approval of the Government may direct.'

Lieut.-Col. Ryan, in seconding, said it was simply appalling that this colony had, through neglect of sanitary precautions, been the cause of plague becoming a widespread misery to the human races and a downright menace to the permanence of our empire.

Dr Hartigan supported, observing that his impression was that this municipal bogey was only an excuse for shelving the matter.

CHINA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

QUESTIONS BY MR WALTON.

London, March 30.—In the House of Commons to-day, Joseph Walton, Lideral, called attention to the Chinese situation. He complained that Great Britain had failed to uphold British commercial and political interests, and demanded a more vigorous and definite policy if it was proposed to meet Russia's energetic progress.

Walton, in the course of his remarks, congratulated American statesmanship upon the signal triumph of American diplomacy, saying Great Britain's commercial community owed a debt of gratitude to American statesmanship, which had, by the arrangement arrived at, secured equal opportunity for British trade with their own throughout China and said he thought the time favorable for the co-operation of the powers.

William St. John Broderick, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, denied that the Government had been backward in pushing concessions in China. He said it should be borne in mind that Great Britain could not force concessions. As to the suggestion of co-operation on the part of the powers in securing wide administrative reforms in China, Broderick pointed out that this would mean an assumption of the Government of China. He declared that thus far British trade has not suffered in a single instance and, as an illustration of this, he said that the murderers of Missionary Brooks had been brought to justice.

FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING.

The following is the programme of the first Gymkhana meeting of the season, to be held on Saturday, 28th April:—

EVENTS.

1.—4.00 p.m., Half Mile Race.—For all China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale with 7 lbs. added. Winners at any official meeting this season 5 lbs. extra. Subscription griffins of any year and *bond fide* polo ponies allowed 7 lbs. First Prize presented by A. Babington, Esq.; 2nd Prize, $20. 3rd saves stakes. Entrance fee, $3. [Eleven entries.]

2.—4.15 p.m., Tent Pegging.—Points for pace and style. Three runs. First prize presented by J. Mackay, Esq.; 2nd Prize. Entrance fees. Entrance fee, $1. [Nine entries.]

3.—5 p.m., Steeplechase.—For all China ponies. Over usual course. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners of any Steeplechase, 7 lbs. added. First Prize presented by Hon. T. H. Whitehead; 2nd Prize, $20. Entrance fee, $3. [Eleven entries.]

4.—5.15 p.m., One Mile Handicap.—For all China ponies. First Prize presented by Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G.; Second Prize, $20. Entrance fee, $3. [Eight entries.]

5.—5.30 p.m., Ladies' Nomination.—Each Competitor to start from a post 100 yards up the course and ride to the lady who nominates him, take one potato from her each time, return and drop it into his bucket. Should he fail or the potato not remain, he must dismount, put the potato into the bucket and mount without assistance. To win, first past the winning post 3rd time in, with all 3 potatoes in the bucket. Three Prizes from the Gymkhana Fund. [Nine entries.]

6.—5.45 p.m., 1½ Mile Race.—For all China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale, with 3 lbs. added. Subscription griffins allowed 7 lbs. Winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra. First Prize presented by R. Shewan, Esq.; Second Prize, $20. Entrance, $3. [Eight entries.]

7.—6.00 p.m., Half Mile Water Race.—For Waters. Catch Weights over 11 st. 7 lbs. First Prize presented; Second Prize, $20. Entrance, $3. [Eight entries.]

THE WAR.

The Boers and Basutos.

London, April 10—An important development in the situation is the warlike attitude of the Basutos whose impis are preparing to repel the Boers. The latter are said to have made several foraging raids into Basutoland in their march from Ladybrand to Wepener.

Great Britain Impregnable.

Mrs Hester J. Austin sends to the *Times* this striking extract from a letter written to her by a distinguished American:—I have watched the war all along with the keenest interest. It has been a magnificent spectacle—such as I am glad to have lived long enough to witness. The transportation of nearly a quarter of a million of men with all their ammunition, and food, and horses—to a distance of 7,000 miles, without a single halt or break in the splendid procession, is altogether the most imposing sight of all military history. Even the wonderful Franco-German war, in which the dominant force had only to cross a river and fall foul of the enemy, is out-pomped by these hundred great transport-leviathans, sailing with unerring regularity through three zones, with their thousands of warriors and hundreds of guns. The position of Imperial Britain, after such a marvellous exploit, is likely to be one which no combination of lesser nations will ever dare to assail.

The Mafeking Relief Force.

In reference to our special telegram intimating that General Sir F. Carrington's force is timed to reach Mafeking on 24th May, it will be interesting to read the following paragraph regarding the composition of the force:—

Reuter's Agency understands that, in view of a possible attempt of the Boers during the latter stages of the war to seek a means of escape to the north, and also to provide against the contingency of an attack on Rhodesia from the south, the Government have decided to establish a new force, to be known as the Rhodesian Field Force, the strength of which is to be 5,000 men. This force, which will be under the command of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington, will not, it is understood, be recruited in Rhodesia and will not be drawn from the Chartered Company's police, who will remain at their present strength, but will probably be drawn from the various colonial contingents now on their way to, or already in, South Africa, and will include the 2,500 Australian Bushmen recently asked for by Mr. Chamberlain. The company's force under Col. Plumer's command will return to their various garrisons after the relief of Mafeking. The movements of the force will, of course, be dependent upon the course of events, but it is believed that on arrival in Cape Town Sir Frederick Carrington will confer on on this subject with the authorities, and will then proceed to Rhodesia by a special route. The force, it is understood, is to be a temporary one, and will only be employed until peace has been re-established.

Her Mother: 'Don't you find Jack Wheeler rather rough, Priscilla?' Priscilla: 'Yes, mamma. And yet he says he shaves every day.'

Shipping.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship LOONGMOON, Captain F. W. SCHULZ, will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co., *Agents.*

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship FORMOSA, Captain DOUGLAS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *General Managers.*

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THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LD.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship MAIDZURU MARU, Captain T. OGATA, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 29th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 933

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo at LONDON Rates).

THE Company's Steamship IXION, Captain THOMPSON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 30th Instant.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 19, 1900. 902

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship DIAMANTE, Captain G. J. BLAKLAND, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 1st May, at 5 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent Accommodation provided by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Hongkong, April 26, 1900. 935

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship YUENSANG, Captain P. H. ROLFE, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., *General Managers.*

Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 936

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship EASTERN, Captain ELLIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 3rd May, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 6, 1900. 794

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I.I. British Ship GEORGE T. HAY, SPICER, Master, is ready to load and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1900. 821

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship MACHAON, Captain HANNAH, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 1st May.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, March 29, 1900. 719

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship ST. REGULUS, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 3rd May.

For Freight, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ld., *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 16, 1900. 877

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship TSINAN, Captain ANDERSON, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 15th May.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versâ.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 863

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship ALCINOUS, Captain PULFORD, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 15th May.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 9, 1900. 818

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at LONDON Rates).

THE Company's Steamship IDOMENEUS, Captain RILEY, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 24th May.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 949

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship PATROCLUS, Captain DICKENS, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th May.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents.*

Hongkong, April 19, 1900. 901

Mails.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BENGAL*, Captain S. BARCHAM, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 28th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, *Acting Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 14, 1900. 867

NOTICE.

IT is hereby NOTIFIED that the UNDERSIGNED LI LAI TING, of SA PO Village, Kowloon, is the owner of Several PIECES OF LAND bequeathed to him from his Ancestors, situate at LI U MOUN, extending as far as Ngan Tau Kok. They are also called by natives Nga Iu Tau and Kau Pui Shek. Taxes have hitherto been paid by the Undersigned.

For fear of any secret and dishonest negotiations for the Sale of the said Property it is hereby declared that no Bills of Sale will be recognised unless they bear the signature of the undersigned.

LI LAI TING.

Dated 21 day, 3 moon of the Kang Tsz year. 948

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Hongkong, January 1, 1900. 3

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CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD Co.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, THE CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

Carlisle City.....3002...On 1st May.
Strathgyle.....5023...About 20th May.
Belgian King.....3379...About 8th June.
Thyra.....3812...About 8th July.

THE S.S. *Carlisle City* will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, and SAN FRANCISCO, *Via* KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on 1st May.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents,* HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 591

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 7th May, at 1 p.m., the Co.'s S. S. *ERNEST SIMONS*, Captain DURANDE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *Via* Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 6th May. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, *Agent.*

Hongkong, April 24, 1900. 940

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Hongkong Maru, (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu),	TUESDAY, May 8, at Noon.
Nippon Maru, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, May 31, at Noon.
America Maru, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	TUESDAY, June 26, at Noon.

THE S. S. *HONGKONG MARU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 8th May, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN, PACIFIC CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Packages will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

G. L. GORHAM, *Acting Agent.*

Hongkong, April 16, 1900. 860

Mails.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

PORT.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
SHANGHAI	*Coromandel*	F. W. VIBERT, R.N.R.	About 27th April.
LONDON, &c.	*Bengal**	S. BARCHAM, R.N.R.	Noon, 28th April.
YOKOHAMA, Via N'SAKI & KOBE.	*Rosella*	C. C. TALBOT, R.N.R.	About 28th April.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	*Malacca*	E. G. ANDREWS	About 3rd May.

* See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, *Acting Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 257

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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT *SOUTHAMPTON* TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Sailing Dates.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
HAMBURG (HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE)	WEDNESDAY, 30th May.
SACHSEN	THURSDAY, 14th June.
OLDENBURG	THURSDAY, 28th June.
BAYERN	THURSDAY, 12th July.
STUTTGART	THURSDAY, 26th July.
KONIG ALBERT	THURSDAY, 9th August.
WEIMAR	THURSDAY, 23rd August.
PRINZ HEINRICH	THURSDAY, 6th September.
PREUSSEN	THURSDAY, 20th September.
HAMBURG (HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE)	WEDNESDAY, 3rd October.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 17th October.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 31st October.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 14th November.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 28th November

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1900, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ HEINRICH, of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. SUHRER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 30th April, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 1st May, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 1st May.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu,	TUESDAY, May 15, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro, (via S'hai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama and H'lulu).	SATURDAY, June 9, at Noon.
City of Peking, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama and H'lulu).	THURSDAY, July 5, at Noon.

THE U. S. Steamship *China* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 15th May, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Though Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, *Acting Agent.*

Hongkong, April 23, 1900. 923

Not Responsible for Debts.

NEITHER the *Captain* the *Agents*, nor *Owners* will be *Responsible* for any *Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:*—

THISTLE Austrian barque, Capt. A. A. Walden.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Tuesday, May 1, at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Wednesday, May 23, at Noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Tuesday, June 14, at Noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 1st May, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passenger who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versâ*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, *Acting Agent.*

Hongkong, April 25, 1900. 792

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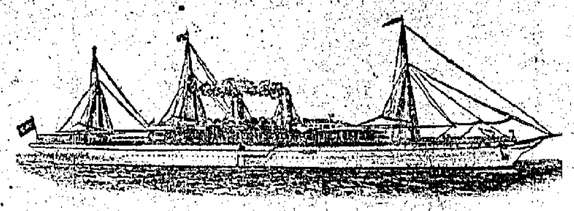

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(*Subject to Alteration.*)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R. ... WEDNESDAY, 16th May/1900.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R. ... WEDNESDAY, 6th June/1900.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 27th June/1900

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,* PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, April 26, 1900. 950

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Glenogle.....	3750	W. Frakes.....	April 28
Queen A'laide	2832	F. McNair.....	May 5
Duke of Fife.	3821	J. S. Cox.....	May 12
Victoria.....	...	.....	May 29

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Proposed Sailing.
Mon'shire..	2874	W. A. Evans.....	May 19
Bremar...	3601	W. Watt.....	June 9
A Steamer	...	.....	July 14
Mon'shire..	2874	W. A. Evans.....	Aug. 4

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

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HONGKONG TO YELLOWSTONE PARK AND BACK £65.10.0.

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These tickets will be sold for passage by any N. P. Steamer leaving Hongkong between 1st May and 8th August, and will be good for re-embarkation on N. P. Steamer within four months, thus affording ample time for hunting and fishing trips in addition to the tour of the Park. The round trip can be made within three months.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, *General Agents.*

Hongkong, April 19, 1900. 422

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD (FREIGHT SERVICE). HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. (FREIGHT SERVICE).

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.	
* S. S. *KONIGSBERG*, Capt. CHRISTIANSEN,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg).	On 8th May.	Freight & Passage.
S. S. *BAMBERG*, Capt. JACOBS,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg).	About 24th May.	Freight.
* S. S. *SAENIA*, Capt. FUCHS,	HAVRE & HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg).	About 6th June.	Freight & Passage.
S. S. *SAMBIA*, Capt. G. SCHMIDT,	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (London with transhipment in H'burg.	About 20th June.	Freight.
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YAWATA MARU, A. E. MOSES,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE,	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 p.m.

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